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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P64626W000	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 9

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☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
G06F19/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, INSPEC, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 577 249 A (CALIFANO ET AL) 19 November 1996 (1996-11-19) abstract column 2, line 62 - column 4, line 63 column 5, line 30 - column 6, line 59 column 8, line 29 - column 14, line 8 claim 1 figures 1-5 ----- -/--	1-24

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	MUTH R ET AL: "Approximate multiple string search" COMBINATORIAL PATTERN MATCHING. 7TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, CPM 96. PROCEEDINGS SPRINGER-VERLAG BERLIN, GERMANY, 1996, pages 75-86, XP002359701 ISBN: 3-540-61258-0 cited in the application abstract page 75, last paragraph - page 77, paragraph 2	1-24
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A	----- BENG CHIN OOI ET AL: "Fast filter-and-refine algorithms for subsequence selection" PROCEEDINGS INTERNATIONAL DATABASE ENGINEERING AND APPLICATIONS SYMPOSIUM IEEE COMPUT. SOC PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA, 2002, pages 243-254, XP002359703 ISBN: 1098-8068 abstract page 244, right-hand column, paragraph 4 - page 249, left-hand column, last paragraph figure 1	1-24

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
A	-	WO 03/056462 A1 (CELESTAR LEXICO SCIENCES) See abstract
A	-	US 6,304,868 B1 (VINGRON et al) See abstract

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Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^w:

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Worldwide search of patent documents classified in the following areas of the IPC⁷:

G06F, G06K

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EPODOC, JAPIO, WPI